

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11, 13, 15, 17-32, 34, 36 and 38-43 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

**Allowed Subject Matter**

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 12, 14, 16, 33, 35, and 37.

**Drawing Objection**

Fig. 4C has been amended to include a label for the objects of reference numerals 14a, 14b, 16, 22, 26, 28, and 70. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

**35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection**

Claims 1-4, 10, 11, 20-25, 31, 32, and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mahany (U.S. Patent No. 6,697,415).

Applicant herein cancels Claims 1-4, 10, 11, 20-25, 31, 32, and 40. Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejection and reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the canceled claims. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the cancelled claims.

**35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection**

Claims 5, 6-9, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 26, 27-30, 34, 36, 38, 39, and 41-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mahany in view of several references.


Applicant herein cancels Claims 5, 6-9, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 26, 27-30, 34, 36, 38, 39, and 41-43. Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejection and reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the canceled claims. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the cancelled claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Amendments to the Drawings**

FIG. 4C has been amended to include a label for the objects of reference numerals 14a, 14b, 16, 22, 26, 28, and 70.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet  
Annotated Marked-Up Drawing

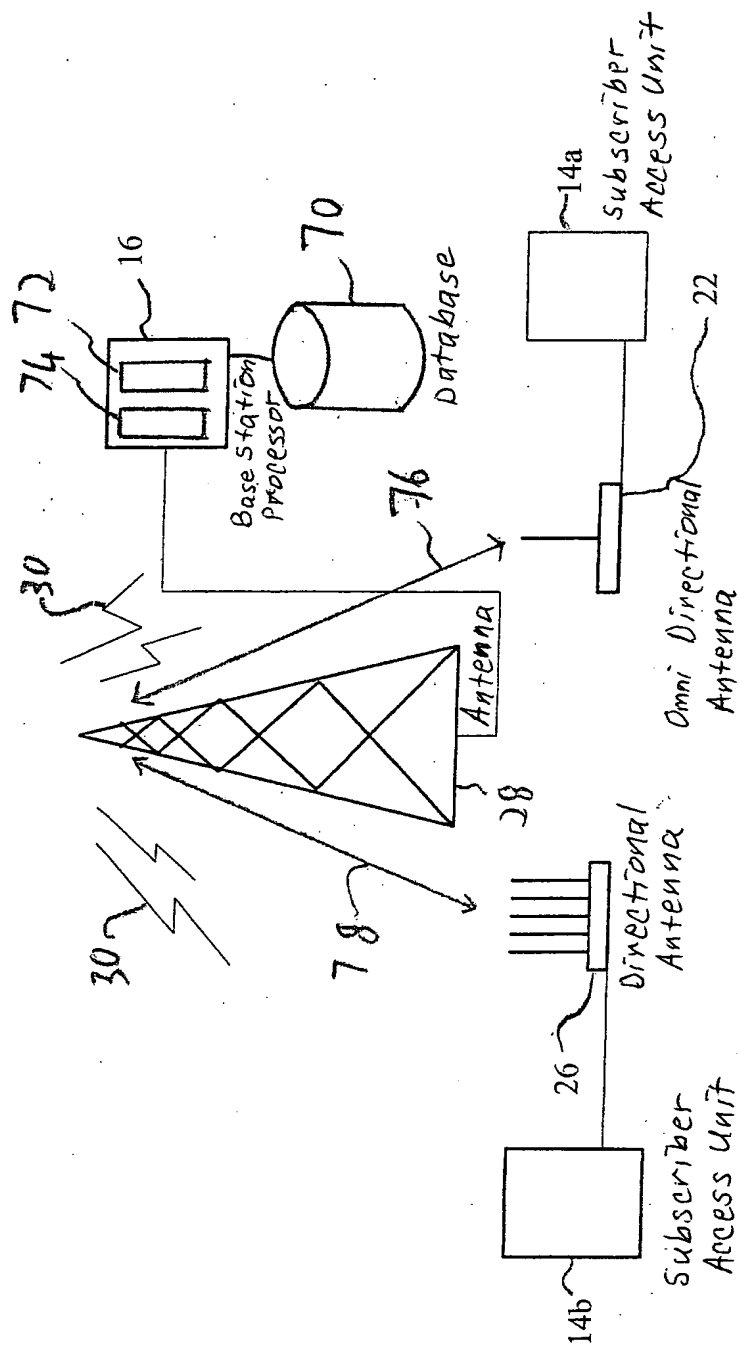


FIG. 4C